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Metropolitan Security Holders Testify About New Haven Deal.

BOSTON, April 9.—The connection of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad with the removal of the steamships Harvard and Yale to the Pacific Coast was a subject of inquiry to-day when the Master's hearing was resumed in the suit of minority stockholders of the Metropolitan Steamship Company to set aside the lease of these vessels to the Pacific Navigation Company and to obtain the appointment of a receiver for the Metropolitan Company. It is contended that the Harvard and Yale were sent to the Pacific Coast to stifle competition here.

George A. Fernald, a banker of this city and holder of a large amount of Metropolitan bonds, testified that he protested against the removal of the company's property, and that Edwin D. Robbins, general counsel for the railroad, tried to convince him that it would be more advantageous to have the vessels in the Pacific, where the cost of operation would be less, as they could be in service all the year around.

Russell G. Fessenden, President of the American Trust Company, which holds a mortgage on the property of the steamship company as trustee for the bondholders, testified that when he protested against the removal of the vessels Mr. Robbins told him that both President Mellen and the New Haven traffic manager thought the steamers would do well out there.

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